

On Page 8, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following paragraph:

C1 ---Figure 5 illustrates a schematic of a stack sealing process.---

On Page 34, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following paragraph:

C2 ---Figure 5 is a schematic illustration of a stack sealing process in which vacuum chamber 172 holds first product 174 which has been placed in first bag 176 and second product 178 which has been placed in second bag 180, with the resulting bagged products being stacked on top of one another, with excess bag length of each of first bag 176 and second bag 178 positioned on top of one another and within sealing distance of a means for sealing 182, ready for subsequent evacuation and sealing. ---

On Page 39, delete lines 10-19 and substitute the following therefor:

C3 ---Figure 3 is a schematic of a preferred end seal bag 140, in a lay-flat position, this bag being in accord with the present invention. Bag 140 comprises bag film 142, top edge 144 defining an open top, first bag side edge 146, second bag side edge 148, bottom edge 150, and end seal 152.

Figure 4 illustrates a schematic of side-seal bag 160, in lay-flat view, side-seal bag 160 being an alternative bag according to the present invention. Side seal bag 160 is comprised of bag film 162, top edge 164 defining an open top, bottom edge 166, first side seal 168, and second side seal 170.---

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, as follows:

C4 21. A process for packaging a product, comprising the steps of:

(A) placing a first product into a flexible, heat-shrinkable bag, the bag having an open top, whereby a first bagged product having excess bag length results, and wherein the bag comprises a multilayer film comprising: